

REMARKS

This application is a divisional application of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/425,778, filed on April 29, 2003, which is a divisional application of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/159,589 filed May 31 2002, which is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/666,065, filed September 19, 2000, which is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/137,507, filed August 20, 1998. This application also claims the priority benefits of U.S. Provisional Patent Applications No. 60/089,916, filed June 19, 1998, No. 60/088,015, filed June 4, 1998, and No. 60/057,808, filed September 4, 1997.

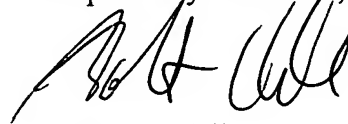
The previously pending claims 1-65 are canceled without prejudice. New claims 66-83 are pending in this application. Claims 66-83 represent previously non-elected subject matter (Group III, where R1 is (C) and X represents S, O or N) identified in the *Election/Restriction* of the Office Action mailed January February 01, 1999 in the great, great grandparent application 09/137,507. Newly presented claims 66-83 are fully supported by Applicants' disclosure, and are described specifically in Examples 18-20 of Applicants specification. No new matter is introduced.

It is respectfully requested that the above preliminary amendment be entered pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.115; that this application be considered in view of the above amendment and following remarks; and that all of the claims remaining in this application be allowed.

CONCLUSION

If the Examiner finds that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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